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PLEASE PASS GEN. HAIG AT WHITE HOUSE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM DR. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT, NOW EN ROUTE FROM BEIRUT TO TEHRAN, SOUTH ASIA
AND WEST PACIFIC ON USIA-SPONSORED TOUR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SWEL, BG, IN, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN FLOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF

QUOTE

PRIMIN BHUTTO TODAY APPEALED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR AID
TO EASE EMERGENCY CREATED BY FLOODS IN PUNJAB PROVINCE
OF PAKISTAN. I AM SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ISLAMABAD SUNDAY
AUGUST 19, IN VIEW MAGNITUDE OF THIS DEVASTATION, MY
ATTENTION WILL INEVITABLY AND OFFICIALLY BE DRAWN TO
IT. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ANY ROLE I
MIGHT PLAY TO EXPRESS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL CONCERN OVER
THIS DISASTER. IF I SHOULD PLAY SUCH ROLE, SUGGEST I BE
AUTHORIZED INDICATE TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVT OFFICIALS
THAT (A) USG IS PREPARED OFFER ACTUAL EMERGENCY RELIEF
TO STRICKEN AREA; (B) USG WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED OFFER
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO INDIA, SINCE KASHMIR HAS BEEN
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FLOODED, TOO, THOUGHNOT AS BADLY AS PUNJAB. (C) USG

WOULD LIKEWISE TAKE NOTICE OF FLOOD STRICKEN PEOPLE OF
BANGLADESH, WHO I WILL VISIT LATER. BANGLADESH AND
PAKISTAN ARE BOTH ALREADY ON MY ITINERARY. DELHI CAN
BE WORKED IN TO PERMIT VIEWING OF FLOOD DAMAGE IN KASHMIR.
IF IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR ME TO ASSUME THIS ROLE, THEN
IN MY JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE OMIT PAKISTAN FROM
ITINERARY SINCE I AM BEING BILLED LARGELY AS HUMANITAR-
IAN-FOCUSED US SPOKESMAN. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT SAUNDERS
AND LEHMAN ON THIS. REQUEST RESPONSE VIA AMEMBASSY
TEHRAN. END QUOTE.
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